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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicants:** Asa Rosenquest et al.**Examiner:** Unassigned**Serial No.:** Unassigned**Art Unit:** Unassigned**Filed:** Herewith**Docket:** 19555**For:** HCV NS-3 SERINE PROTEASE
INHIBITORS**Dated:** March 17, 2006

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant submits the following Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application:

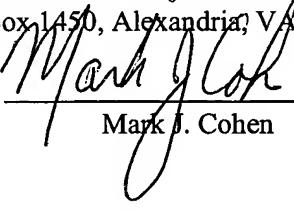
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